

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county; was preferred and read, and referred to the above committee to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Walton Purnell and Annanias Hodson, of Worcester county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Lethbury, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Richard Emory, of Queen-Anne's county, praying the depreciation of his pay as lieutenant in the Maryland line; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Joshua Seney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Faw brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable Rachel Perrin, administratrix of Joseph Perrin, late of Washington county, deceased, to convey certain lands therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following reports:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Lemmon, beg leave to report, That they have considered the same, and find that the subject thereof is relative to a dispute concerning the right of pre-emption of a tract of land lately sold in the reserve in Baltimore county, and that the said dispute would with propriety be determined by caveat before the chancellor. Your committee therefore recommend, that the same may be referred to the chancellor, and that a law may pass for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Lemmon and others, relative to the appointment of a surveyor of the reserve lands, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and find a number of recommendations in favour of the several applicants. Your committee are of opinion, that the appointment ought to be with the governor and council. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which were read

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the memorial of Elizabeth Fleming and others; which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for extending the causeway through the marsh on the south side of Wiccomico river at the lower ferry, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

A petition from sundry merchants and others, inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass, incorporating a number of persons for the purpose of granting commissions to such persons as may apply, who shall be found qualified to act as pilots acting in the bay of Chesapeake, and to ascertain their fees; was preferred and read.

An address from the honourable Alexander Contee Hanson, Esq; was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the subject matter of the report on the representation of the honourable Alexander Contee Hanson be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

A memorial from Benjamin Nicholson, Esq; judge of the court of admiralty; was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That a member of this house inform the late governor and the intendant of the revenue of the order of the day, and that this house will hear them on the subject matter of their letters respecting the advance of money to the state agent, and will examine any witnesses or testimony they may think proper to produce.

ORDERED, That a seat be prepared within the bar for the late governor and the intendant.

The order of the day respecting the late governor and the intendant of the revenue is postponed till Monday morning.

Mr. Fielder Bowie and Mr. Baker have leave of absence.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 26, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Dent. Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Baker, Mr. R. Bowie, and Mr. Wootton. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Somerville has leave of absence.

The bill for extending the causeway through the marsh on the south side of Wiccomico river at the lower ferry, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the county of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Hugh M'Bryde, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Bracco, and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.